

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 30, Commending Coalition to Disarm Iraq.
Senate passed H.R. 1307, Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act.
The House passed S. 151, after amending it to contain the text of H.R. 1104, Child Abduction Prevention Act, as passed the House. The House then insisted on its amendments and requested a conference with the Senate.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nineteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 724–742, and S. Con. Res. 31. Page S4512

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “History, Jurisdiction, and a Summary of Activities of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources During the 107th Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 108–30) Page S4511

Measures Passed:

Commending Coalition to Disarm Iraq: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 109), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 30, expressing the sense of Congress to commend and express the gratitude of the United States to the nations participating with the United States in the Coalition to Disarm Iraq. Pages S4483–90

Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 110), Senate passed H.R. 1307, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a special rule for members of the uniformed services in determining the exclusion of gain from the sale of a principal residence and to restore the tax exempt status of death gratuity payments to members of the uniformed services, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Baucus (for Grassley/Baucus) Amendment No. 433, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S4478–80

Veterans’ Memorial Preservation and Recognition Act: Senate passed S. 330, to further the protection and recognition of veterans’ memorials. Page S4539

Tributes to Daniel Patrick Moynihan—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that tributes to Daniel Patrick Moynihan, late a Senator from New York, be printed as a Senate document, and that Members have until 12 noon, Friday, April 11, to submit said tributes. Pages S4474–75

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Theresa Lazar Springmann, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, at 6 p.m., on Monday, March 31, 2003, with a vote to occur on confirmation of the nomination. Page S4539

Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nomination of Timothy M. Tymkovich, of Colorado, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, at 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, April 1, 2003; that there be 6 hours for debate, and the Senate then vote on confirmation of the nomination. Pages S4539–40

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. Ex. 111), James V. Selna, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of California. Pages S4496, S4540

Vernon Bernard Parker, of Arizona, to be an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture. (New Position)

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Philip P. Simon, of Indiana, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Charles W. Grim, of Oklahoma, to be Director of the Indian Health Service, Department of Health and Human Services, for a term of four years.

John A. Woodcock, Jr., of Maine, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maine.

Mark R. Kravitz, of Connecticut, to be United States District Judge for the District of Connecticut.

L. Scott Coogler, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—111) Pages S4489–90, S4496

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 3 p.m., on Monday, March 31, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S4540.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Roderick Paige, Secretary of Education.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Committee concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation making

wartime supplemental appropriations, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003, after receiving testimony from Tom Ridge, Secretary of Homeland Security; and Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: GAO/GPO/CBO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the General Accounting Office, Government Printing Office, and Congressional Budget Office, after receiving testimony from David Walker, Comptroller, General Accounting Office; Bruce James, Public Printer, Government Printing Office; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

NATO

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), after receiving testimony from Marc I. Grossman, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs; and Douglas J. Feith, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

DISABLED MILITARY RETIREES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on compensation for disabled military retirees, after receiving testimony from Senator Reid; Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Daniel L. Cooper, Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Benefits; Sarah T. Jennings, Principal Analyst, Defense Cost Estimate Unit, Congressional Budget Office; Carolyn L. Merck, former Specialist in Social Legislation, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Cynthia A. Bascetta, Director, Education, Work, and Income Security Issues, General Accounting Office; Colonel Steve Strobbridge, USAF (Ret.), Military Officers Association of America, Alexandria, Virginia; Master Gunner Sergeant Benjamin H. Butler, USMC (Ret.), National Association for the Uniformed Services, Springfield, Virginia; and G. Michael Schlee, American Legion National Headquarters, Indianapolis, Indiana.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION: WARFIGHTERS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces concluded closed hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on intelligence support to warfighters, after receiving testimony from Stephen A. Cambone, Under Secretary

of Defense for Intelligence; Joan A. Dempsey, Deputy Director of Central Intelligence for Community Management; Lieutenant General Robert W. Noonan, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army; Rear Admiral Richard B. Porterfield, USN, Director of Naval Intelligence, Department of the Navy; Major General Ronald F. Sams, USAF, Director of Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, Department of the Air Force; and Brigadier General Michael E. Ennis, USMC, Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, Marine Corps.

HUMAN CLONING

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine implications of cloning on women's health, focusing on reproductive technology, experimentation, and egg donations, after receiving testimony from Senator Landrieu; R. Alta Charo, University of Wisconsin Law and Medical Schools, Madison; Andrew Kimbrell, International Center for Technology Assessment, and Richard Doerflinger, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, both of Washington, D.C.; Maria del Carmen Bustillo, South Florida Institute for Reproductive Medicine, Miami; Lynne Millican, Boston, Massachusetts; and John T. Bruchalski, Fairfax, Virginia.

ELECTRIC INDUSTRY

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded hearings to examine various electricity proposals including S.475, to reform the nation's outdated laws relating to the electric industry, improve the operation of our transmission system, enhance reliability of our electric grid, increase consumer benefits from whole electric competition, and restore investor confidence in the electric industry, after receiving testimony Pat Wood III, Chairman, Nora Mead Brownell, Commissioner, William Massey, Commissioner, all of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; P.G. Para, Jacksonville Electric Authority, Jacksonville, Florida; Ray Gifford, Progress and Freedom Foundation, David S. Svanda, National Association of Regulatory and Utility Commissioners, John Anderson, Electricity Consumers Resource Council, H. Allen Franklin, Southern Company, Alan H. Richardson, American Public Power Association, all of Washington, D.C.; Gerald Norlander, National Association of State Utility Consumer Advocates, Silver Spring, Maryland; Philip G. Harris, PJM Interconnection, LLC, Norristown, Pennsylvania; James P. Torgerson, Midwest Independent Transmission System Operator, Inc., Indianapolis, Indiana; Glenn English, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Arlington, Virginia; Elizabeth A. Moler, Exelon Corporation, Chi-

cago, Illinois, on behalf of the Electric Power Supply Association; and Phil Tollefson, Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

NATO ENLARGEMENT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee held hearings to examine North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) enlargement, focusing on qualifications and contributions, accession protocols, and the NATO Response Force, receiving testimony from Ian Brzezinski, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO Affairs; Heather A. Conley, Janet L. Bogue, and Robert A. Bradtke, each a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, April 1.

HIV/AIDS

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded hearings to examine the Federal role in combating the global transmission of AIDS in Africa, focusing on issues relating to research, prevention, care and treatment, HIV transmission through unsafe medical practices, and global control of tuberculosis and malaria, after receiving testimony from Claude A. Allen, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services; Maria J. Wawer, Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, Rakai District, Uganda; and David Gisselquist, Hershey, Pennsylvania.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Priscilla Richman Owen, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, and Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, Ricardo H. Hinojosa, of Texas, and Michael E. Horowitz, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the United States Sentencing Commission, and McGregor William Scott, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of California, Department of Justice.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Edward C. Prado, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, who was introduced by Senator Cornyn, Richard D. Bennett, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, who was introduced by Senators Sarbanes and Mikulski, Dee D. Drell, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, who was introduced by Senator Landrieu and Representative Tauzin, J. Leon Holmes, to be United States District Judge for

the Eastern District of Arkansas, who was introduced by Senators Lincoln and Pryor, and Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, and Charles F. Lettow,

of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, who were both introduced by Senator Bingaman.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 48 public bills, H.R. 1458–1505; 2 private bills, H.R. 1506–1507; and 8 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 124–129, and H. Res. 165–166, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 735, to amend chapter 83 of title 5, United States Code, to reform the funding of benefits under the Civil Service Retirement System for employees of the United States Postal Service, amended (H. Rept. 108–49);

H.R. 522, to reform the Federal deposit insurance system, amended (H. Rept. 108–50); and H.R. 21, to prevent the use of certain bank instruments for unlawful Internet gambling (H. Rept. 108–51 Pt. 1).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Sister Benedict Kesock, O.S.B., Principal, St. Charles School of Arlington, Virginia.

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Child Abduction Prevention Act: The House passed H.R. 1104, to prevent child abduction by recorded vote of 410 ayes to 14 noes, Roll No. 89. Subsequently the House passed S. 151, a similar Senate passed measure, after amending it to contain the text of H.R. 1104, as passed the House. Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “an Act to prevent child abduction and the sexual exploitation of children, and for other purposes.” H.R. 1104 was then laid on the table.

Pages H2405–2443

The House then insisted on its amendments and requested a conference with the Senate. Appointed as conferees from the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the Senate bill and the House amendments, and modifications committed to conference: Chairman Sensenbrenner and Representatives Coble, Smith of Texas, Green of Wisconsin, Hart, Conyers, and Scott of Virginia. Appointed as conferee, Representative Frost for consideration of the Senate bill and House amendments, and modifications committed to conference.

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Agreed to the Scott motion to instruct conferees to allow opportunity for members of the committee

of conference to offer and debate amendments at all meetings and that all meetings be open to the public and media and be held in venues selected to maximize the capacity for attendance of the public and the media.

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Pursuant to the rule the amendment in the nature of the substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill (H. Rept. 108–47 Part I) shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment.

Pages H2416–18

Agreed To:

Pence amendment No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that makes it a criminal act to knowingly use a misleading domain name with the intent to deceive a person into viewing obscenity on the Internet or knowingly deceive a minor into viewing material that is harmful to minors;

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Feeney amendment No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that places strict limits on departures from Federal sentencing guidelines (agreed to by recorded vote of 357 ayes to 58 noes with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 87);

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Pomeroy amendment No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that reauthorizes grant programs within the victims of Child Abuse act that provide funding to child advocacy centers;

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Foley amendment No. 4 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that requires the AMBER alert coordinator to submit a report by March 1, 2005 on the effectiveness of the AMBER Alert plans and establishes a \$5 million grant program to implement new technologies;

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Carter amendment No. 5 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that provides for a feasibility study of issues relating to background checks for volunteers of groups that work with children, the disabled, and the elderly;

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Lampson amendment No. 6 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that gives jurisdiction to the U.S. Secret Service to continue to provide forensic and investigative support upon request from local law enforcement or from the National Center for Missing and exploited children;

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Acevedo-Vilá amendment No. 7 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that requires certain procedures to be established and followed when a child is reported

lost or missing in a public building, commonly known as "Code Adam"; Pages H2428–29

Smith of Texas amendment No. 8 printed in H. Rept. 108–48 that narrows the definition of child pornography and creates new obscenity offenses to cover virtual and real child pornography that involves visual depictions of prepubescent children and minors (agreed to by recorded vote of 406 ayes to 15 noes, Roll No. 88). Pages H2429–37

The Clerk was authorized to make technical corrections and conforming changes in the engrossment of the bill. Page H2440

H. Res. 160, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill was agreed to on March 26.

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following motions that were debated on March 26:

Public Need for Fasting and Prayer: H. Res. 153, recognizing the public need for fasting and prayer in order to secure the blessings and protection of Providence for the people of the United States and our Armed Forces during the conflict in Iraq and under the threat of terrorism at home (agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 346 yeas to 49 nays with 23 voting "present", Roll No. 90); and Pages H2438–39

Treatment of Prisoners of War Held by Iraqi Authorities: H. Con. Res. 118, concerning the treatment of members of the Armed Forces held as prisoner of war by Iraqi authorities (agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 91). Pages H2439–40

Legislative Program: The Majority Leader announced the Legislative Program for the week of March 31. Page H2444

Meeting Hour—Monday, March 31: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, March 31. Page H2446

Calendar Wednesday: Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 2. Page H2446

Rules Committee Resolution: Agreed that H. Res. 152, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules be laid on the table. Page H2444

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2438.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H2436, H2437, H2438, H2438–39, H2439–40. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, AND STATE, THE JUDICIARY AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies held a hearing on the FBI, the Federal Judiciary, and the U.S. Marshals Service. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Robert S. Mueller III, Director, FBI; and Benigno G. Reyna, Director, U.S. Marshals Service; Judge John G. Heyburn II, U.S. District Court, Western District of Kentucky; and Leonidas Ralph Mecham, Director, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2003 Emergency Supplemental. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary; Dov S. Zakheim, Under Secretary, Comptroller; Gen. Richard B. Meyers, USAF, Chairman; and Lt. Gen. James E. Cartwright, USMC, Director, Force Structure, Resources and Assessment, both with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING, AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs held a hearing on Supplemental Request for Iraq and the Global War on Terrorism. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary; and Andrew S. Natsios, Administrator, AID.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Border Security and Transportation Security. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Asa Hutchinson, Under Secretary, Border Security; and James M. Loy, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related

Agencies held a hearing on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Testimony was heard from Julie L. Gerberding, M.D., Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury and Independent Agencies held a hearing on U.S. Postal Service Retirement Payments. Testimony was heard from John E. Potter, Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service; and Dan G. Blair, Deputy Director, OPM.

VA, HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on National Institute of Environmental Health and Services and on Consumer Product Safety Commission. Testimony was heard from Kenneth Olden, M.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Science, Department of Health and Human Services; and Harold Stratton, Chairman, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—NAVY PROJECTION FORCES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Projection Forces held a hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request for Navy Projection Forces. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John J. Young, Assistant Secretary (Research, Development and Acquisition); Vice. Adm. John B. Nathman, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Warfare Requirements and Programs; and Vice Adm. Michael G. Mullen, USN, Deputy Chief, Naval Operations, Resources, Requirements, and Assessments.

DOD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Department of Defense science and technology policy and programs for fiscal year 2004. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ronald M. Sega, Director, Defense Research and Engineering; Anthony J. Tether, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency; A. Michael Andrews, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Army, Research and Technology; Rear Adm. Jay M. Cohen, USN, Chief,

Naval Research; and James B. Engle, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Air Force (Science, Technology, and Engineering).

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BUDGET REQUEST—HEALTH PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Total Force held a hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request for the defense health program and the next generation of TRICARE contracts and TRICARE retail pharmacy contracts. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: William Winkenwerder, Jr., M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs; Lt. Gen. James B. Peake, USA, Surgeon General, Army, Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command; Vice Adm. Michael L. Cowan, USN, Surgeon General, Navy; and Lt. Gen. George P. Taylor, Jr., USAF, Surgeon General, Air Force; Marjorie Kanof, M.D., Director, Clinical and Military Health Care, GAO; and public witnesses.

WORKFORCE REINVESTMENT AND ADULT EDUCATION ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1261, Workforce Reinvestment and Adult Education Act of 2003.

FURTHERING PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY; PROJECT BIOSHIELD

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response of the Select Committee on Homeland Security held a joint hearing entitled "Furthering Public Health Security: Project Bioshield." Testimony was heard from Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATORY RELIEF ACT

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Services Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on H.R. 1375, Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Mark Olson, member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; Dennis Dollar, Chairman, National Credit Union Administration; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Julie L. Williams, First Senior Deputy Comptroller and Chief Counsel, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; and Carolyn Buck, Chief Counsel, Office of Thrift Supervision; William S. Kroener, General Counsel, FDIC; and public witnesses.

CONSUMER SAFEGUARDS ON INTERNET PHARMACY SITES—OVERSIGHT PLAN

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "Point, Click, Self-Medicate: A Review of Consumer Safeguards on Internet Pharmacy Sites." Testimony was heard from William Hubbard, Senior Associate Commissioner, Policy Planning and Legislation, FDA, Department of Health and Human Services; J. Howard Beales, Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection, FTC; and public witnesses.

The Committee approved recommendations for an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress for all House Committees.

REAUTHORIZATION—OFFICE OF NATIONAL DRUG CONTROL POLICY

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources held a hearing entitled "ONDCP Reauthorization: The National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign." Testimony was heard from Representative Portman; Christopher Marston, Chief of Staff, Office of National Drug Control Policy; and public witnesses.

EUROPE-U.S. ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Europe held a hearing on U.S. Assistance Programs in Europe: An Assessment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Thomas Adams, Acting Coordinator, U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, Bureau of European and Eurasia Affairs; and Kent R. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Europe and Eurasia, AID.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 958, Hydrographic Services Amendments of 2003; H.R. 959, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Oceanography Amendment Act of 2003; and H.R. 984, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher, USN (Ret.), Under Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; and D. James Baker, President and Chief Executive Officer, Academy of Natural Sciences.

WATER RECYCLING

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held an oversight hearing on Water Supply and Reliability: The Role of Water Recycling. Testimony was heard from Betsy Cody, Specialist in Natural Resources, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Peggy Neely, Councilwoman, Phoenix, Arizona; and public witnesses.

FAA AND AVIATION PROGRAMS REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on Reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and the Aviation Programs. Testimony was heard from Marion C. Blakey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation.

OVERSIGHT—DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held an oversight hearing on the status of the implementation of Public Law 107-287, Department of Veterans Affairs Emergency Preparedness Act of 2002, and post deployment health care for veterans. Testimony was heard from William Winkenwerder, Jr., M.D., Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense; Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

CONSOLIDATED CRYPTOLOGIC PROGRAM

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Consolidated Cryptologic Program. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Select Committee on Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 1416, Homeland Security Technical Corrections Act of 2003, 8:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 31 through April 5, 2003

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 2 p.m., Senate will be in a period of morning business until 6 p.m.; following which, Senate will consider the nomination of Theresa Lazar Springmann, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, with a vote to immediately occur on confirmation of the nomination.

On *Tuesday*, at 9:30 a.m., Senate will consider the nomination of Timothy M. Tymkovich, of Colorado,

to be United States Circuit Judge for the Tenth Circuit, with 6 hours for debate; following which, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any other cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: April 3, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for child nutrition programs, 10 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: April 1, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine Alzheimer's Disease, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

April 1, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 2, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings to examine an overview of the fiscal year 2004 Navy Budget, 10 a.m., SD-192.

April 2, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine the status of foster care in the District of Columbia, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 2, Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Federal Aviation Administration, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

April 3, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the National Science Foundation and the Office of Science Technology Policy, 10 a.m., SD-138.

April 3, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of State, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: March 31, Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 2004 focusing on the science and technology program and the role of the Department of Defense laboratories, 2 p.m., SR-222.

March 31, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Air Force investigations into allegations of sexual assault at the U. S. Air Force Academy and related recommendations, 4 p.m., SH-216.

April 1, Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to resume hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, focusing on impacts of environmental laws on readiness and the related Administration Legislative Proposal, 9 a.m., SD-106.

April 1, Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense for Navy and Marine Corps development, procurement priorities,

and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

April 3, Subcommittee on Airland, to hold hearings to examine Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force aviation and air-launched weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2004 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: April 3, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal Reserve Board proposal on check truncation; to be followed by a business meeting to consider the nominations of Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, Noe Hinojosa, Jr., of Texas, Thomas Waters Grant, of New York, and William Robert Timken, Jr., of Ohio, each to be a Director of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation, and Alfred Plamann, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: April 2, Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space, to hold hearings to examine NASA manned space flight, 2:30 p.m., SR-254.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: April 1, business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 2, Full Committee, business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

April 3, Full Committee, business meeting to consider comprehensive energy legislation, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: April 1, to hold hearings to examine the Nominations: of Ricky Dale James, of Missouri, and Rear Adm. Nicholas Augustus Prah, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, both to be a Member of the Mississippi River Commission, and Richard W. Moore, of Alabama, to be Inspector General, Tennessee Valley Authority, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

April 2, Full Committee, to hold oversight hearings to examine issues relating to military encroachment, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: April 1, to hold hearings to examine tax payer issues, focusing on public accountants and charitable car donations; to be followed by hearings on the nominations of Mark Van Dyke Holmes, of New York, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Diane L. Kroupa, of Minnesota, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, Robert Allen Wherry, Jr., of Colorado, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, and Harry A. Haines, of Montana, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court, 10 a.m., SD-215.

April 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine health care services, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: April 1, to hold hearings to examine NATO enlargement, focusing on Brussels, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 2, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine foreign assistance oversight, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

April 3, Full Committee, to resume hearings to examine NATO enlargement, focusing on qualifications and contributions, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: April 2, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Clay Johnson III, of Texas, to be Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget, Albert Casey, of Texas, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and James C. Miller III, of Virginia, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: April 2, business meeting to consider S.231, to authorize the use of certain grant funds to establish an information clearinghouse that provides information to increase public access to defibrillation in schools, proposed legislation entitled "Genetics Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2003", "Smallpox Emergency Personnel Protection Act of 2003", "The Improved Vaccine Affordability and Availability Act", "Caring for Children Act of 2003", and pending nominations, 10 a.m., SD-430.

April 3, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine mammography, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Indian Affairs: April 2, to hold hearings to examine S. 556, to amend the Indian Health Care Improvement Act to revise and extend that Act, 10 a.m., SR-485.

Committee on the Judiciary: April 1, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Carolyn B. Kuhl, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, Cecilia M. Altonaga, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Patricia Head Minaldi, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, 9 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: April 1, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

House Chamber

To be announced.

House Committees

Committee on Appropriations, April 1, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, on Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency, 2 p.m., 2362A Rayburn.

April 1 and 2, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on NIH, 10:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Cost Controls and Cost Drivers in Federal Transit Investments Panel, 10 a.m., and on Executive Office of the President, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, on D.C. Courts; Defender Services; and Public Defender Service, 10 a.m., 2362A Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs, on Member of Congress, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

April 2, Subcommittee on Interior, on Members of Congress, 10 a.m., B-308 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on GSA Building Cost Drivers, 10 a.m., and on OPM, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on EPA, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn, and 2 p.m., H-143 Capitol.

April 3, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary and Related Agencies, on State Department Management, 10 a.m., H-309 Capitol.

April 3, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Border Protection; Customs and Immigration Enforcement, 10 a.m., and Homeland Security Training, 2 p.m., H-140 Capitol.

April 3, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies, on Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 10:15 a.m., and on Agency for Healthcare Research Quality, 11:15 a.m., 2358 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Transportation and Treasury, and Independent Agencies, on Transportation Safety, 2358 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, on Congressional Witnesses, 9:30 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, April 1, hearing on all major Department of Defense acquisition programs, and review the Department's plans for acquisition reform and future acquisition programs, 4 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request for the Special Operations Command, 2 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on the U.S. Air Force report on sexual assault at the academy, 1 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing on the fiscal year national defense authorization budget request for the Department of the Navy and the Department of the Air Force tactical weapon system acquisition programs and future technology initiatives, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on Military Resale and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Programs Activities, 3:30 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Projection Forces, hearing on the Department of the Navy fiscal year 2004 research and development program in support of naval transformation and future naval capabilities, 12 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities, hearing on the fiscal year 2004 national defense authorization budget request for Department of Defense Information Technology Programs, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Total Force, hearing on Views from the Field—Perspectives of Mobilized Reservists, 1 p.m., 2216 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, April 1, Subcommittee on Select Education, hearing on the "Performance, Accountability, and Reforms at the Corporation for National and Community Service," 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Education Reform, to mark up H.R. 1350, Improving Education Results for Children

With Disabilities Act of 2003 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, April 1, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology, hearing entitled "Opening Trade in Financial Services—The Chile and Singapore Examples," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing entitled "The National Flood Insurance Program: Review and Reauthorization," 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises, hearing entitled "Rating the Rating Agencies: the State of Transparency and Competition," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, March 31, Subcommittee on National Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations and the Subcommittee on Technology, Information Policy, Intergovernmental Relations and the Census, joint hearing on Strengthening Oversight of DOD Business Systems Modernization, 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization, oversight hearing "Compensation Reform: How Should the Federal Government Pay Its Employees?" 1 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

April 1, Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "Performance, Results, and Budget Decisions," 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 3, full Committee, hearing entitled "Toward a Logical Governing Structure: Restoring Executive Reorganization Authority," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness, hearing entitled "International Prescription Drug Parity: Are Americans Being Protected or Gouged?" 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, April 1, hearing on U.S. Response to East African Families and the Future Outlook for Food Aid in Africa, 10:15 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Africa, hearing on Democratic Republic of Congo: Key to the Crisis in the Great Lakes Region, 2 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, April 1, Subcommittee on Water and Power, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 135, Twenty-First Century Water Commission Act of 2003; H.R. 495, Zuni Indian Tribe Rights Settlement Act of 2003; H.R. 901, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to construct a bridge on Federal land west of and adjacent to Folsom Dam in California; and H.R. 1284, to amend the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 to increase the Federal share of the costs of

the San Gabriel Basin Demonstration project, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Science, April 1, to mark up H.R. 238, Energy Research, Development, Demonstration, and Commercial Application Act of 2003, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Research, hearing on The National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program: Past, Present, and Future, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, April 1, Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment and Government Programs and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight, joint hearing with respect to improving and strengthening the SBA Office of Advocacy, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 2, full Committee, hearing on the impact of foreign titanium purchased by the Air Force on small and medium sized U.S. manufacturers, 2 p.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 3, Subcommittee on Tax, Finance, and Exports, hearing on small business expensing limits, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, April 1, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, oversight hearing on the Coast Guard's Move to the Department of Homeland Security, 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

April 1, 2 and 3, Subcommittee on Highways, Transit, and Pipelines, hearings on Member Policy Initiatives and Project Requests for Reauthorization of Federal Highway and Transit Programs, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

April 2, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management, hearing on local economic development association issues relating to reauthorization of the Economic Development Administration, 10 a.m., 2253 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, April 1, executive, briefing on Sensitive Program, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 2, executive, hearing on National Reconnaissance Program, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 3, executive, hearing on Joint Military Intelligence Program/Tactical Intelligence and Related Programs, 1 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

April 4, executive, briefing on Intelligence Community Overview, 9 a.m., H-405 Capitol.

Select Committee on Homeland Security, March 31, to mark up H.R. 1416, Homeland Security Technical Corrections Act of 2003, 3 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: April 2, to hold hearings to examine arming rogue regimes, focusing on the role of OSCE participating states, 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3 p.m., Monday, March 31

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

12:30 p.m., Monday, March 31

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 6 p.m.), Senate will consider the nomination of Theresa Lazar Springmann, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Indiana, with a vote to immediately occur on confirmation of the nomination.

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